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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated July 25, 2007 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on October 25, 2007. *Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time, making this response due on January 25, 2008.* Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.